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Add the following new claims:

10. Modular multiple connection strap for cable connections, comprising a one-piece housing made of plastic with a plurality of modular spaced and open chambers on the longitudinal side for inserting respectively one contact assembly, characterized in that the connection strap is a through strap or a separating strap or a switching strap, in that the contact assemblies (3) are through contacts that can be converted to switching contacts by separating a web (6) that connects the inside ends of the tongues (4) of a contact assembly (3) into separating contacts or by inserting an insulating separator or through deformation.

11. Modular multiple connection strap according to claim 10, characterized in that the chambers (2) in the area of a web (6) that connects the tongues (4) of a contact assembly (3) on the inside end are provided with an opening for temporarily accommodating a insulation-piercing connecting device.

12. Modular multiple connection strap according to claim 10 characterized in that

the chambers (2) are provided in the area of the contact locations (8) of a contact assembly (3) with guide means for inserting an insulation separator.

13. Modular multiple connection strap according to claim 10,

characterized in that

the contact locations (8) of a contact assembly are laterally inclined on the side, such that if a plug connector is inserted, it touches only the edges of the contact locations.